(b) Does not arise.

(c) The constitutional validity of the highest civilian awards has been challenged in public interest litigation. The matter is pending adjudication in the Supreme Court. Government are not considering any awards at present.

"इंटरपोल" की सहायता प्राप्त करना

2429. **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मार्च, 1993 में मुम्बई में हुये बम-विस्फोट की घटनाओं की जांच में "इंटरपोल" की सहायता ली है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार को इस संबंध में "इंटरपोल" से प्राप्त सूचना का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) से (ग) बम्बई विस्फोटों के मामलों की जांच शुरू में बम्बई शहर पुलिस द्वारा की गई थी। बम्बई पुलिस द्वारा आरोप-पत्र दाखिल कर दिये जाने के बाद, आगे की जांच, केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा अपने हाथ में ली गई । जांच के विभिन्न पहलुओं के संबंध में सहायता के लिये इंटरपोल से संपर्क किया गया है जोकि संसार के विभिन्न पुलिस बलों के बीच अनिवार्यतः एक समन्वयक एजेंसी है।

मामलों की प्रकृति, संवेदन-शील होने के कारण इस संबंध में और जानकारी प्रकट करना जनहित में नहीं होगा।

Concentration of Pak Troops in Nowshera Sector

2430. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has increased concentration of its troops along the line of control in the Nowshera sector of Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There is no specific report indicating increased concentration of Pakistani troops along the line of Control in Nowshera sector of Poonch District of Jammu & Kashmir. However, pakistani troops have sought to build up tension among civilians living along the LOC in Poonch-Rajouri sector of Jammu region by frequently resorting to unprovoked firing, rocket attacks, etc. in the area and trying to push miiltants into the State. Various such attempts have been foiled by the alertness of the security forces deployed on the Border/ LOC. Vigilance along the border has been intensified to prevent such efforts on the part of Pakistan and the militants being supported by them.

Bomb explosion in Delhi

2431. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of persons were injured following a bomb explosion in a New Delhi Cinema hall recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the culprits have been apprehended;

(d) what compensation was paid to the affected persons;

(e) what is the number of bomb explosions in Delhi since the beginning of 1993 (till date);

(f) what efforts have been made by Government so far to identify the antisocial elements responsible for the bomb blasts in Delhi and their contacts in the city; and

(g) in what manner Government propose to tackle the growing bomb explosions problem in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An explosion occurred in the Odeon Cinema Hall on the evening of 30th January 1994. 19 persons were injured in the incident. No person was killed. A case u/s 307/427/436 IPC. 3/4/5 TADA and 3/4 of the Explosives Substances Act has been registered.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No compensation has been paid in this case;

(e) 9 incidents of bomb blast have taken place in Delhi during the year 1993 and upto 31.1.1994.

(f) Investigaton teams in coordination with various intelligence agencies have carried out searches and raids. Six persons have been identified to have been involved in the incident of bomb blast of Raisina Road.

(g) The steps taken to tackle the growing bomb explosions problems in the city include formation of an Anti-Terrorist Cell in each Police District; deployment of armed pickets at vulnerable/strategic points; Intensive mobile patrolling; distributing of educative literature amongst the people to make them more vigilant; deployment of spotters; display of photos of known terrorists at public places; stationing of PCR vehicles at strategic places; and co-ordination meetings with the adjoining States.

Steps to prevent atrocities on Tribals

2432. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Satesman of February 1, 1994, to the effect that two tribal women, a widow and her daughter, were buried alive by the local villagers in Pundrisai under Kharsawan thana in West Singhbhum district of Bihar on the night of January 9-10, 1994; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to effectively prevent such atrocities on tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 'Police' and 'Pubilc Order' are state subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to take steps for preventing atrocities on Scheduld Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Government of India has however, issued guidelines to all the States and Union Territories detailing the preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to be taken to check atrocities against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

News item in Jansatta

2433. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items published in the 'Jansatta' of 31st January, 1994 under the caption 'Parichaypatra vivad ki Asliyat Kholegi' and if so, what are the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): BSF or IB have not submitted any report till 31-1-94